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In re application of:

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EXAMINER: THAI L.

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR
COMPONENTS AND INTERCONNECTS WITH
CONTACTS ON OPPOSING SIDES

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RESPONSE
December 11, 2002

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002 having a statutory period for response set to expire on January 3, 2003.

REMARKS

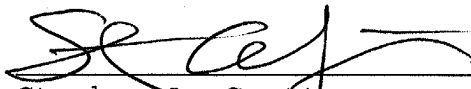
With respect to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect ~~invention~~ Invention II. Claims 1-31 read on the elected Invention II. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-31 is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also being filed with this Response. Should any issues arise that

will advance this case to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2002.

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